

## Tennessee Events

*(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site [www.tnstateparks.com/events](http://www.tnstateparks.com/events).)*

### September

- 7-9 Roan Mountain State Park.** 50th Fall Naturalists' Rally. Hikes, bird-watching and night sky viewing led by Friends of Roan Mountain. Info: 423-543-7576.
- 7-9 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** 34th Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival. This event includes traditional mountain music, demonstrations of pioneer skills and handmade crafts. Info: 423-881-5298.
- 8-9 Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.** 18th Century Trade Faire/Great Island Festival, presented by the park and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. Merchants and artisans will be on hand. Admission is \$5 for adults ages 12 and up; children 11 and under will be admitted free. Event hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ET each day. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 8-15 Cumberland Mountain State Park.** 23rd annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT). This seven-day ride starts at the park in Crossville and features rolling hills, valleys, and some flat terrain as well as some long-distance rides and some short distance days. Camping overnights are planned at four Tennessee State Parks: Cumberland Mountain, Standing Stone, Pickett, and Harrison Bay, with one overnight at Fort Southwest Point. A three-day ride option is available. Info: <http://thebrat.org>.
- 14-16 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Tennessee Fall Star Gaze. Join the Cumberland Astronomical Society at the viewing area above the inn to check out the night sky. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 15 Booker T. Washington State Park.** Health and Recreation Fair. Exhibits, health screenings, recreational activities, music and food are set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. ET. The park celebrates the 75th anniversary of Tennessee State Parks (TSP) at this fair. Info: 423-894-4955.
- 15 Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Day. Volunteers are invited to help maintain the park's trails from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ET. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 15 Standing Stone State Park.** 30th Annual Marbles Festival and National Rolley Hole Marble Championship. Highlights include kids' games, marble making, a swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. Registration is required for the Rolley Hole Tournament. Info: 931-823-6347.
- 16 Reelfoot Lake State Park.** Round House Reunion. Historically, people came from miles around to listen to music and meet friends at the Bluebank Round House. Bring a picnic and be there at noon CT when the music begins. Info: 731-253-8003.
- 20 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Celebrating Our Stories honoring the 75th Anniversary of TSP. Presented by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals, guest speakers will share early 18th century tales of events that took place on this land, and its designation as a state park on July 2, 1976. Events start at 7 p.m. ET. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 22 Chickasaw State Park.** Heritage Days. Celebrate the 75 years of Chickasaw State Park. Activities and programs on the history of the park will be take place all day at Sagamore Lodge, built in 1937. Info: 731-989-5141 or 1-800-458-1752.
- 22-23 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration, an encampment by the Overmountain militia recreating the period of time before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. Event hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. ET. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 25 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Overmountain Victory Trail March. The Overmountain Victory Trail Association will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the Overmountain militia crossed 232 years ago. Approximate time is 2 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 28-30 Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park.** Knapp-In and Archaeoskills Festival. This free event features flint-knappers of all skill levels; atlatl competitions on Saturday and Sunday; Native American pottery construction; shell carving; basketry; fire making; native plant use; and more. Info: 931-723-5073.
- 29 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** National Public Lands Day, a volunteer effort to improve public lands. Participants will meet at the campground pavilion at 11 a.m. Info: [Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov).
- 29 Cove Lake State Park.** Louie Bluié Festival. This all-day festival features traditional old-time music, blues, gospel, mountain jazz, bluegrass, storytelling and theater and a Kid's Fun Zone. It is named for the internationally acclaimed string band musician, Howard "Louie Bluié" Armstrong (1909-2003), a LaFollette native. A \$2 per person/\$5 per family admission donation is encouraged and supports the Campbell Culture Coalition, a non-profit arts organization. Info: 423-566-0329.

### October

- 5-6; 12-13; 19-20; 26-27 Big Ridge State Park.** Ghost House Hikes. Bring your own flashlight and join park rangers for a spine-tingling 1.2-mile night hike. The hike, for ages six and above, is free and reservations are required. Participants meet at the Grist Mill at 7 p.m. Info: 865-992-5523.

- 5 Norris Dam State Park.** Pickin' in the Park. Old time bluegrass bands will play in the park's outdoor amphitheater at this free event. Info: 865-426-7461.
- 6 Warriors' Path State Park.** Environmental Education Workshop for teachers and youth leaders. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. Event hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ET. Info: 423-239-8531.
- 6-7 Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.** Garrison Weekend. Park staff and volunteers portray the original inhabitants of Fort Loudoun and the Cherokees who lived in the Little Tennessee Valley in the mid 1700s. Program hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ET. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 6-7 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Fort Watauga Knap-In. Knapping is the art of making stone tools, and the Knap-In Watauga is the park's recognition of Tennessee Archaeology Week. Watch primitive skills craftsmen make arrowheads, spear points, and other tools. See demonstrations of primitive tools such as the bow, arrow and atlatl. Event hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ET. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 13 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Mountain Melodies and Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of TSP with traditional mountain music by local groups at Shelter No. Three starting at 11 a.m. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 13 Edgar Evins State Park.** Sixth Annual History Hayride. The Friends of Edgar Evins and park staff bring history alive with a hayride where costumed re-enactors reveal the history of the area and its people. Reservations are required and admission \$10 per person. Info: 931-858-2114 or 1-800-250-8619.
- 13 Tims Ford State Park.** Heritage Day and Shade Tree Pickin' and celebration of the 75th anniversary of TSP. Plans include interpretive programs, activities relating to the history of the park, as well as bluegrass, country and gospel music. Info: 931-962-1183
- 13-28 Norris Dam State Park.** Fall Color Pontoon Boat Trips on Norris Lake. Departing from Norris Dam Marina, park rangers will narrate your one-hour trip with tree identification and park history. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children under six years old. Trips are held daily at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Info: 865-426-7461.
- 19-20 Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.** Ninth Annual Tennessee's History Festival and Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of TSP. Enjoy 200 years of living history at this free event. Multiple displays and demonstrations by re-enactors and living history interpreters are planned. Activities will be offered from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT each day. Info: 615-741-5800.
- 19-21 Cove Lake State Park.** Third Annual Knap-in and Primitive Skills Festival and Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of TSP. Demonstrations will include flint knapping, bow building, cordage, basket weaving, quiver making, blowgun and darts, nature walk, fire making, atlatl, storytelling and more. The event is free and is set for 9 a.m. ET until sunset each day. Info: 423-566-9701.
- 20 Cumberland Mountain State Park.** Solar and Night Sky Program led by Lloyd Watkins. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field one hour before sunset. A 40-minute pre-dusk basic astronomy program will followed by night sky observing on the Upper Softball Field. Info: 931-484-6138.
- 20 Frozen Head State Natural Area.** Volunteer Trail Day. Help maintain the park's trails. Event hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ET. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 20 Panther Creek State Park.** Heritage Day and a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of TSP, featuring live music, food, historical demonstrations, hayrides, crafts, hikes and more. Events will take place at the Spoone Shelter from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. ET. Info: 423-587-7046.
- 20-21 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Fall Colors Weekend. Bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focus on the autumn splendor of the park. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 22 Cordell Hull Birthplace.** United Nations Day Celebration. Celebrate the international peacekeeping agency primarily authored by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. See highlights of the U.N. as well as a showcase of Sec. Hull's 1945 Nobel Peace Prize, presented for his role in creating the U.N. Park hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. CT. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 25 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion. Strange things happen around All Hallows Eve, especially at a 200-year-old mansion. At 7:30 p.m. ET prepare for tales of the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted...or is it? Info: 423-543-5808.
- 26-28 Red Clay State Historic Park.** Inter Tribal Cultural Gathering POW WOW. Bring a lawn chair and watch Native dance demonstrations and enjoy food and crafts from Native vendors. Info: call 423-478-0339.
- 27 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Wild Foods Day. Field trips to identify edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are followed by a wild feast. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 27-28 Reelfoot Lake State Park.** White Pelican Canoe Floats. View hundreds of White Pelicans as they make their annual journey south for the winter. Three-hour canoe trips are offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Oct. 27 and at 9 a.m. on Oct. 28. Meet at the park's visitor center at 1 p.m. CT. Reservations are required. Info: 731-253-9652.
- 27 Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park.** Meeman-Shelby Heritage Festival and 75th Anniversary TSP Celebration. This free event includes vendors, games, live music and hourly interpretive programs. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. Info: 901-876-5201.